



CLAIMS

I claim:

1- A tool for picking up clothes off the floor comprising:

a handle to be engaged by the palm of the operator,

a trigger to be engaged by the fingers of the operator, connected to the said handle at its end corresponding to the pinky end of the palm of the operator by means of a pivoting member, allowing the trigger move towards and away from the handle,

a tube body fixed to the said handle,

at least three grip members,

a shaft tube connected to the said trigger on the higher end by means of a pivoting member and to at least three said grip members on the lower end by means of pivoting members, so that the grip members can move towards and away from each other,

a grip closer connected to the end of the said body tube to push the said grip members toward each other as the lower end of said the shaft tube the said grip members are attached to moves in to the said grip closer as the said handle and the said trigger are brought together by the operator,

a grip opener connected to the said grip closer to push the said grip members away from each other as the lower end of the said shaft tube the said grip members are attached to moves towards the said grip opener as the said trigger and said handle are released from their together position,

an extension spring connected to the said shaft tube and the said body tube, bringing the said trigger away from the said handle, thus bringing the said shaft tube closer to the said grip opener, thus opening the said grip members away from each other,

a length adjustable, removable elbow support connected to the bottom of the said handle to support the elbow of the operator,

a trigger lock accessible by the thumb of the operator connected to the said handle to lock the said trigger and the said handle in position while they are squeezed together

2- the device described in claim 1, where the said elbow support allows the operator to use mostly upper arm muscles including the operators' bicep and chest muscles as well as the wrist and hand muscles instead of just hand and wrist muscles, also providing the operator with extra leverage due to the additional wrist to elbow distance gained.

3- the device described in claim 1, where the said grip members in an open position with the handle released, supply the legs for the said tool to stand on at a vertical rest with the said handle being at rest around the same height with the operators hip, thus allowing the said tool to stand on its own on any horizontal and nearly horizontal surface while its easily accessible to be picked up again by the operator.

4- the device described in claim 1, where the said grip members apply varying force with an increasing rate towards each other as they get closer to each other when the said trigger and the said handle are squeezed together by means of a constant force.

5- the device described in claim 1, where the pivoting point of the said trigger is further away from the index finger of the operator and closer to the pinky finger of the operator, providing the weaker fingers with less leverage and the stronger fingers with more leverage, thus minimizing the use of pinky finger squeezing force while maximizing the use of the index and the middle fingers squeezing force, thus providing the operator with a bigger total force as a product of squeezing the said handle and the said trigger together.